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Posted by Rob Fortner on Mar 7 '13



Good morning all,

I've had a chance to look over the Broadband Narrative and wanted to make a few comments for your consideration. They are:

(1) In Section 4c, I think you ought to add a discussion of the PSIC Grant Program. That was a collaborative effort between the NTIA, the SOF, and the various regions around the state. Since the PSBN grants are coming from the NTIA, it just seems logical to reference the successful work that's been done in previous public safety communications interoperability collaboration efforts;

(2) Just below Section 4c, there's a discussion about DMS contracting with RPC to plan for this project. First, I thought this was going to be a DHSMV-managed project (or is DMS doing that on behalf of DHSMV?). Second, the regions have not had a lot of success in dealing with the RPCs on previous projects. Our experience has been less than optimum with the RPC because their contracts are with the SOF (not the regions) and they seem to drive toward outcomes the SOF wants, with little consideration to what the locals (or regions) want. Third, DMS is the agency that has handled the whole FIN over-reach debacle. That is also the agency that has made unilateral narrow-banding decisions that adversely affected RDSTF-1, -2, and -3, without any prior consultation or concern for the negative impact they'd be creating. Fourth, many believe that --because the SOF doesn't have to bid-out projects if the RPCs are involved-- what we get is often an inferior product.

(3) In Section 13a, I'd add a discussion on the Communications Asset Survey and Mapping (CASM) tool. The SOF has put, and continues to put, a lot of work into that database and DEM recently contracted with RCC Consulting to populate the database with the new information obtained from a statewide I/O assessment.

Thanks for your consideration,  
Rob

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